

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1677-01
Bill No.: HB 543
Subject: Elections: Nonpartisan Elections
Type: Original
Date: January 24, 2007

Bill Summary: Permits candidates in nonpartisan elections to take office when the number of positions are equal to the number of candidates.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials of the **Office of the Secretary of State - Elections Division** assume no fiscal impact to their office.

Officials of the **Kansas City Board of Elections** stated that the only fiscal impact of the law would be to throw all costs of an election onto other entities participating in the election, as in an April election when School Boards are elected. The result occurs because of reducing the number of participating entities, and thus affecting the pro-ration of costs. Officials could not estimate the fiscal impact.

Officials of the **City of Springfield** stated that costs savings could be as much as \$60,000, the cost of holding an election.

Officials of the **City of West Plains** assume this proposal could have some election cost savings from not holding an election, and from election cost sharing.

Officials of the **City of Poplar Bluff** assume this proposal would save approximately \$10,000 in election costs, whenever there would be no opposition in an election.

Officials of the **City of Independence** stated that their form of government is with a home rule charter, and this proposal would have no fiscal impact to their city. Officials stated they have a similar provision in the election laws they operate under, and it has resulted in considerable costs savings for the city.

Officials of the **City of Centralia** assume no fiscal impact.

Oversight assumes there would be savings for those entities that would not have to hold an election under certain conditions as outlined in this proposal. **Oversight** is not able to estimate savings and will show election cost savings as a positive unknown.

Oversight assume that by allowing entities to opt out of holding elections under certain conditions would throw all costs of an election onto other entities participating in the election, as in an April election when School Boards are elected. The result occurs because of reducing the number of participating entities, and thus affecting the pro-ration of costs. **Oversight** assumes any cost would be offset by savings. **Oversight** is unable to estimate costs however **Oversight** assumes they would be minimal and are unknown.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
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POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OR SPECIAL DISTRICTS

<u>Savings</u> - From not holding an election under certain circumstances.	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
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<u>Cost</u> - From distribution of election costs.	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OR SPECIAL DISTRICTS*	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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*** Oversight assumes any savings to local governments would be offset by costs of re-distribution, and would net local government no fiscal impact.**

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

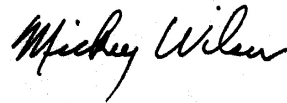
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Currently, nonpartisan elections in special districts and political subdivisions, except for municipalities, do not need to be held if the number of candidates who file for an office equals the number of available positions. This bill expands this exception to include when the number of candidates equals the number of available positions because a candidate or several candidates withdraw from the election. The bill contains an emergency clause.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the Secretary of State- Elections
Kansas City Board of Election Commission
City of Springfield
City of West Plains
City of Poplar Bluff
City of Independence
City of Centralia

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Mickey Wilson, CPA
Director
January 24, 2007